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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97,
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following references:

U.S. Patent No. 5,762,544, Zuniga et al.

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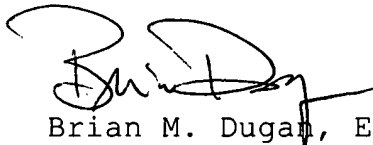
Foreign Art Reference No. WO 99/64207 (WIPO)

Foreign Art Reference No. WO 02/19392 A1 (WIPO)

Copies of the cited non-U.S. patent references are enclosed herewith.

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this patent application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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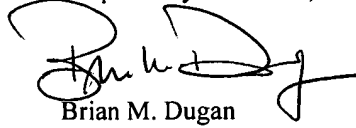
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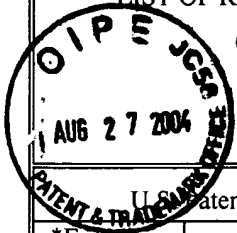
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U.S. Patent Documents

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	US-1	5,762,544	06/09/98	Zuniga et al.	451	285	
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Foreign Patent Documents

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	F-1	EP 0 987 750 A1	03/22/00	EPO			X	
	F-2	EP 1 134 641 A1	09/19/01	EPO			X	
	F-3	WO 99/64207	12/16/99	WIPO			X	
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